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SUB: 61ST ECOSOC - STATEMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE OF
UGANDA ON ENTEBBE

1. MR. JUMBA MASAGAZI, PERMANENT SECRETARY OF UGANDAN
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND CHIEF OF HIS GOVERNMENTS DELE-
TO THE 61ST ECOSOC INTERVENED IN THE GENERAL DEBATE JULY 6.
THE FINAL SEVEN MINUTES OF A TWENTY MINUTE STATEMENT WER
DEVOTED TO THE ISRAELI ATTACK AT ANTEBBE WHICH HE CHARACT-
ERIZED AS "SENSELESS, MONSTROUS INVASION BY ZIONIST
AGGRESSORS." NOTING THAT SOME GOVERNMENTS HAD SENT CON-
GRATULATORY MESSAGES TO THE GOI, HE SAID THAT ALL "PEACE-
LOVING NATIONS" INCLUDING THOSE OF THE OAU HAD CONDEMNED
THE ISRAEL ACTION.

2. HE THEN TRACED THE SEQUENCE OF EVENTS AS VIEWED BY
HIS GOVERNMENT FROM JUNE 27, WHEN THE AIR FRANCE AIRCRAFT
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LANDED THROUGH JULY 3. HE HIGH-LIGHTED THE ATTEMPTS OF

PRESIDENT AMIN TO ARRANGE FOR THE RELEASE OF THE HOSTAGES OF THE HIGHJACKING. THE SECTION OF THE SPEECH ENDED BY RECALLING THE OAU CONDEMNATION OF THE ISRAELI ATTACK AND THE AMIN DECLARATION, AND THE REPORTED SYG WALDHEIM STATEMENT THAT CONDEMNED ISRAEL'S ACTIONS.

3. IN EXERCISE OF HIS RIGHT AT THE END OF THE AFTERNOON SESSION, ISRAELI OBSERVER SOFFER ALLEGED THAT THE ISRAELI "RESCU OPERATION" HAD BEEN PROVOKED BY THE COLLABORATION OF THE UGANDANS WITH THE HIGHJACKERS AND THE REFUSAL OF THE HIGHJACKERS TO SERIOUSLY NEGOTATE. HE SAID THAT ISRAEL HAD BEEN GENUINE IN ITS OFFER TO RELEASE THE REQUESTED PRISONERS, THAT THERE HAD BEEN NO RESPONSE TO THAT OFFER, AND THAT THE HIGHJACKERS HAD ELEVATED THEIR DEMANDS. HE CONCLUDED BY RELATING THIS INCIDENT TO A SERIES OF TERRORIST ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED BY THE PLO AND CALLED ON THE WORLD COMMUNITY TO TAKE EFFECTIVE ACTION TO DEAL WITH TERRORISM IN WHATEVER GUISE. SOFFER SAID THAT WALDHEIM WAS ISSUING A CORRECTION TO HIS REPORTED PRESS STATEMENT AND APPEALED TO ECOSOC NOT TO TAKE ANY ACTION WHILE THE MATTER WAS PENDING BEFORE THE SECURITY COUNCIL.

4. TO CLOSE THE DEBATE UGANDAN REP MASAGAZI AGAIN TOOK THE FLOOR TO DENY UGANDAN COLLABORATION AND ALL OTHER ALLEGATIONS BY THE ISRAELI REP.
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